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In re application of:

SATOSHI SAKAI, et al.

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In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

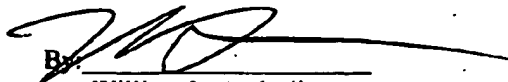
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